



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR
INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS**

OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HELD IN ROOM 372

OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

Wednesday, January 5, 2011

10:00 AM

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Montaña, Vice Chairperson Bacio, Commissioner Bigby, Commissioner Hall and Commissioner Hill

Excused: Commissioner Hammargren and Commissioner Moore

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Meeting to be called to order by Chairperson Montaña. (11-0220)

Chairperson Montaña called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. Approval of the December 15, 2010 Minutes. (11-0221)

On motion of Commissioner Bigby, seconded by Vice Chair Bacio and unanimously carried, this item was approved.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

II. REPORTS

3. Chair's Report on reviewed articles. (11-0225)

Reviewed Los Angeles Times Newspaper articles:

Child Agency Wasted Funds, Audit Reports (12/22/2010)

An Open-and-Shut Case (12/19/2010)

Same Old Story at DCFS (12/16/2010)

Reviewed Dailey Breeze Newspaper article:

Contract Signed for New Courthouse (12/21/2010)

Chairperson Montaña, read the following letters: Appreciation letter from Tierra de Sol Foundation for the Commission's generous donation of \$100.00 to the Cannella/Chase Family Christmas party for people with

disabilities; a Thank You Card from Commissioner Hall for the Commission's generous donation of \$100.00 to the Muzet N. Hall Scholarship; and a letter from Henry Hernandez, Acting Director, Facilities Services and Capital Projects, responding to the Commission's Letter dated October 6, 2010, regarding the Santa Clarita Courthouse (Securing the Judicial parking area).

4. Treasurer's Report for January 5, 2011. (11-0226)

Vice Chairperson Bacio reported that the current bank statement balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$541.09.

Following discussion, this item was received and filed.

5. Staff Report on Correspondence received, and Department Representative Reports. (11-0227)

Lee Millen, Head Staff, reported that no correspondence was received, and that the reports requested from the Department Representatives at the December 2010 Sybil Brand Commission Business meeting have not been received. Staff will re-submit all requests for reports to the Department Representatives and report back at the next Commission meeting.

This item was discussed, no action was taken.

6. Commissioner Reports on Group Homes and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from December 15, 2010 to January 4, 2011. (11-0250)

Children Homes of Southern California – 9, #2 - Chairperson Montaña The facility was visited on December 29, 2010, and found to be in satisfactory condition. Area of Concern: Needs a new First Aid Kit.

Cerritos Station – 42, #4 - Chairperson Montaña and Vice Chairperson Bacio The facility was visited on December 28, 2010, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Children are our Future – 6, #4 - Chairperson Montaña The facility was visited on December 27, 2010, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Bay Front Youth & Family Services – 2, #3 - Chairperson Montaña The facility was visited on December 21, 2010, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Turmont Home for Boy's – 45, #4 - Chairperson Montaña The facility was

visited on December 20, 2010, and found to be in satisfactory condition. Areas of Concern: Repair kitchen sink leak, water proof underneath the kitchen sink, repair hallway tile, and stock more non perishable goods,.

St. Anne's Maternity Home – 42, #3 - Chairperson Montaña The facility was visited on December 22, 2010, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Children's Home of Southern California – 9, #3 - Chairperson Montaña The facility was visited on January 4, 2011, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Dream Home Care, Inc. – 14, #4 - Chairperson Montaña The facility was visited on January 3, 2011, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Lifecircles Group Home – 26, #3 - Commissioner Bigby The facility was visited on December 12, 2010, and found to be in satisfactory condition. Areas of Concern: Refinish furniture and replace cushions, install new curtain in living room, need to purchase new mattress, new towels, sheets and comforters, update fire extinguisher certificate and repair the group home van. Commissioner Bigby will re-visit the facility on January 26, 2011.

Children Are Our Future – 7, #1 - Commissioner Bigby The facility was visited on December 21, 2010, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Pasadena Court Branch – Commissioner Bigby The facility was visited on December 22, 2010, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Casa Editha Foundation/Ava Lyns – 5, #3 - Commissioner Bigby The facility was visited on December 30, 2010, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Children Are Our Future – 8, #1 - Commissioner Bigby The facility was visited on January 3, 2011, and found to be in satisfactory condition. Areas of Concern: Repair kitchen sink, cabinet drawers, hole in cupboard, replace stove (oven does not work), purchase new drinking glasses. Bathroom #1 needs painting and new baseboard, hot and cold water faucets need fixing; Bathroom #3 sink faucet and window needs repair, hole in door needs fixing and the curtains need to be replaced; Bedroom #2 needs painting and the holes in the wall and closet doors need repair; and Bedroom #1, replace closet door, bed frames, attic door and frame,

mattresses, clean the carpet, and repair hole in laundry room door.
Commissioner Bigby will re-visit the facility on January 24, 2011.

San Gabriel Children Center – 40, #3 - Vice Chairperson Bacio The facility was visited on December 16, 2010, and found to be in satisfactory condition. Areas of Concern: Bathtub in Bathroom #1 needs cleaning; clean hallway heater vent, and clean Bedroom #1.

Care Provider Organization Foundation – 5, #2 - Vice Chairperson Bacio The facility was visited on December 23, 2010, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Heritage Group Home #4 – 22, #3 - Vice Chairperson Bacio The facility was visited on December 10, 2010, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Burbank Court Service – Commissioner Bigby The facility was visited on December 30, 2010, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Casa Esperanza – 47, #1- Commissioner Bigby The facility was visited on January 4, 2011, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

These items were received and filed.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

7. Items not on the posted agenda, to be presented and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future Commission meeting.

Following discussion, Commissioners agreed to clarify at the next meeting the Chair's role in rescheduling or cancelling scheduled inspections.

Public Comment

8. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (11-0251)

There was no public comment presented.

Adjournment

9. Adjournment for the meeting of January 5, 2011. (11-0252)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.